

Legal Representation of Children with Mental Illness

Agenda

8:30 **Registration and Breakfast**

9:00 **Welcome**

9:15 **Keynote Address: "Childhood: An Enchanting Legal Fiction?"**

Leonard H. Glantz, J.D., Associate Dean, Boston University, School of Public Health

10:15 **Mental Health Systems for Children in Massachusetts: Facts, Gaps, and Overlaps**

Lisa Lambert, Assistant Director, Parent/Professional Advocacy League

10:45 **Break**

11:00 **Mental Health Services and Placements for Children: Advocating for the Who, What, When, Where, and How**

Richard Ames, J.D., Solo Practitioner

Susan Fendell, J.D., Senior Staff Attorney, Mental Health Legal Advisors Committee

Chick Maroni, J.D., Solo Practitioner

Cecely Reardon, J.D., Staff Attorney, Youth Advocacy Project

Bettina Toner, J.D., Staff Attorney, Center for Public Representation

12:30 **Lunch**

1:15 **Legal Decision-Making and Court Clinic Evaluations**

Honorable Martha P. Grace, Chief Justice, Juvenile Court Department

Ruth C. Keeley, J.D., Solo Practitioner

Robert Kinscherff, J.D., Ph.D., Director of Juvenile Court Clinic Services, Juvenile Court Department

Virginia E. Merritt, M.D., Boston Juvenile Court Clinic

2:45 **Break**

3:00 **Workshops: (Choose One)**

I. Pediatric Psychopharmacology: Beyond the Basics

Jefferson B. Prince, M.D., Director of Child Psychiatry, Pediatric and Adult Psychopharmacology, North Shore Medical Center

II. Special Education Issues for Children with Emotional Disabilities: Eligibility, Placement, and Interagency Resolution

Lisa Nelson, J.D., Staff Attorney, Disability Law Center

Tim Sindelar, J.D., Senior Staff Attorney, Disability Law Center

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